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SUBJ: TOURIST VISIT, ATLANTA SKYLARKS AIR TRAVEL CLUB

REF: STATE 183981

1. EMBASSY WILL SUBMIT DIPLOMATIC NOTE REQUESTING APPROVAL FOR ATLANTA SKYLARKS AUGUST 14 FTIGHT IMMEDIATELY BUT ANTICIPATES THAT BEFORE PROCESSING APPLICATION SOVIET GOVERNMENT MAY REQUIRE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

(1) PASSPORT NUMBERS, DATES AND PLACES OF ISSUANCE FOR FLIGHT CREW MEMBERS; (2) NAMES, PASSPORT NUMBERS, DATES AND PLACES OF ISSUANCE FOR THREE FLIGHT ATTENDANTS; AND (3) NAMES, PASSPORT NUMBERS, DATES AND PLACES OF ISSUANCE FOR PASSENGERS.

2. AS AIRCRAFT OPERATOR WILL HAVE NOTED, FAA INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT INFORMATION MANUAL LISTS MOSCOW/SHEREMETIEVO AS ONLY AERODROME OF ENTRY FOR USSR. IN EMBASSY'S EXPERIENCE, SOVIETS RARELY PERMIT NON-SCHEDULED FLIGHTS INTO USSR THROUGH OTHER POINTS OF ENTRY.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: TO FACILITATE APPLICATION PROCEDURE, PLEASE FORWARD (1) DATA DESCRIBED PARA 1 ABOVE, AND (2) ALTERNATIVE FLIGHT PLAN HELSINKI-MOSCOW-HELSINKI FOR USE IN EVENT SOVIETS DENY HELSINKI-LENINGRAD REQUEST. EMBASSY ASSUMES DEPARTMENT WILL ALSO MAKE CERTAIN GROUP UNDERSTANDS IT MUST OBTAIN SOVIET VISAS BEFORE DEPARTURE FROM US.
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